MR. I. C. CHACKO: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Not usually; but only in exceptional years in which there is no rain in Dhanu.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) None at present.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: In regard to part (c) of the question *i. e.*, whether proper arrangements cannot be made to store and supply water from the Kallar river east of the temple, the answer given is 'No.' May I know the reason?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Preliminary investigations were conducted and the cost was found to be prohibitive. Therefore the idea was dropped.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: The answer to the next part is 'None at present.' May I know from the honourable member whether he is aware that the necessity is very urgent at Sabarimala?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: In normal conditions there will be no scarcity of water. In particular years there may be scarcity.

MR. C. K. SANKARA PILLAI: But can we not remedy the affair permanently?

MR. I. C. CHACKO: Even if a scheme is started now, it will be impossible to get the materials to do any work at this time.

*Workmen's Compensation.*

233 * MR. XAVIER VINCENT: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is inordinate delay in assessing and awarding workmen's compensation under the Workmen's Compensation Act;

(*b*) whether the Travancore Chamber of Commerce, Alleppey and the Travancore Trade Union Congress have sent representations to the Government about the matter; and

(*c*) what action has been taken thereon?

MR. E. I. CHACKO (*Director of Industries*): (*a*) There has been some delay.

(*b*) A representation was received from the Travancore Chamber of Commerce.

(*c*) Arrangements have been made to avoid delay as far as possible.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertalai*): May I know from the honourable member what arrangements have been made?

MR. E. I. CHACKO: There was some inevitable delay in awarding compensation to the claimants, and this caused some hardship to the dependants of the deceased. So a proposal was made by me that the compensation that may be required for the purpose may be invested in the Anchal Savings Bank pledged to the Commissioner for Workmens'

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Compensation and until an unencumbered property becomes available the money will be in the Anchal Savings Bank. The Government sanctioned the proposal. This money will be disbursed to the dependants periodically in instalments according to their needs.

**MR. P. K. KUNJU:** May I know when this arrangement was made?

**MR. E. I. CHACKO:** That was some six months ago.

**MR. P. K. KUNJU:** May I know from the honourable member the result of the arrangement?

**MR. E. I. CHACKO:** The system is working satisfactorily and I have been able to disburse some money.

*Export of eggs.*

234 *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number and names of the licensees who are at present permitted to export eggs from Travancore to Ceylon, and the purpose for which such export is allowed;

(*b*) the quantity of eggs permitted to be so exported to Ceylon daily;

(*c*) the name of the contractor or authority in Ceylon to whom the exported eggs are entrusted by the licensee in Travancore;

(*d*) the percentage of the allowance, if any, sanctioned for damaged or decayed eggs;

(*e*) the number and names of licensees who were permitted to export eggs to Ceylon from Travancore immediately before the present arrangement came into existence;

(*f*) whether the Government are aware that a good portion of the eggs out of the allowance for decay and damage, is actually sold in black market in Ceylon to the civilians; and

(*g*) the number and names of applicants for license for exporting eggs to Ceylon from Travancore, whose applications have not been granted and the reasons for the same?

**MR. C. KUMARA DAS** (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 2. Messrs H. M. Abdul Majeed Sahib, Quilon, and M. Venugopal Chetty & Co. Kayamkulam. For supply to the Royal Navy, Ceylon.

(*b*) 50,000.

(*c*) Mr. H. M. A. Majeed is sending the supplies to the Superintending V. S. O. Royal Naval Yard, C/o., the Anglo-Ceylon Marine Supplies Co., run by one Mr. M. A. Razak, Victuallers, 29, 1/10 Gaffoor Building Colombo. The other exporter Messrs. M. Venugopal Chetty & Co., is sending the eggs to S. V. S. O. Royal Navy, Colombo, direct.

(*d*) & (*f*) Government are not aware.

(*e*) 19 persons were permitted to export eggs to Ceylon before the introduction of the present arrangement for supply to the Royal Navy.

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